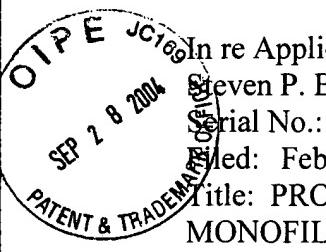


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



In re Application of )  
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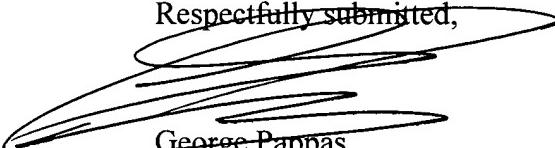
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**UNDER 37 CFR 1.136**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2004. A check for the extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)) is enclosed herewith. A Request for Continued Examination and an Amendment are being filed simultaneously herewith. Please charge any additional fees due for effecting the filing of the enclosed Request for Continued Examination and Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account No. 16-0248.

Respectfully submitted,



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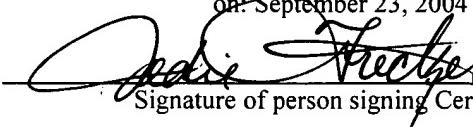
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